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In Re Application of
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) FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
) ESTABLISHING A SECURE SMART
) CARD COMMUNICATION LINK
) THROUGH A COMMUNICATION
) NETWORK
) Group Art Unit: 2131

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Attn.: Examiner Paula W. Klimach

Dear Madam:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2003. The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement indicating that election must be made of either the invention of Group I Claims 36-40, the invention of Group II Claims 1-35, the invention of Group III Claims 41-48 and 54-58 or the invention of Group IV Claims 49-53. By this Response, Applicants elect the claims of Group II Claims 1-35 for examination.

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By this election, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b), the claims of Groups I, III and IV are withdrawn. Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional application on the claims of Groups I, III and IV and Claims 36-40, 41-48, 54-58 and 49-53.

Respectfully submitted,

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